

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 COLOMB 03177 281244Z

43

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-20 NSC-10 SPC-03 PM-07 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01

DRC-01 AID-20 /105 W

----- 109143

R 281218Z DEC 73

FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 365

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

CONFIDENTIAL COLOMBO 3177

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, CE

SUBJ: VISIT BY PM BANDARANAIKE TO INDIA

REF DELHI 15107

1. DAILY SUN OF 28 DEC REPORTS THAT INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH VISITED SRI LANKA DEC 22 (A) TO DELIVER INVITATION FROM MRS. GANDHI TO PM BANDARANAIKE TO BE "THE GUEST OF HONOR" AT REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION IN NEW DELHI JAN 26, (B) TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF MRS. BANDARANAIKE'S STATE VISIT TO INDIA, AND (C) TO TAKE UP AGENDA FOR TALKS BETWEEN TWO PRIME MINISTERS. ARTICLE STATES MRS. B IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR INDIA ON 23 JAN. SHE WILL BE PRECEDED IN SECOND WEEK JAN BY DELEGATION LED BY W.T. JAYASINGHE, SECRETARY MDFA, WHICH WILL PREPARE GROUND.

2. NEWSPAPER GIVES AGENDA ITEMS AS: (A) JOINT ECONOMIC COOPERATION, (B) INDO-CYANAGRAM AGREEMENT AND FUTURE OF 150,000 "STATELESS" NOT COVERED BY IT, (C) INTERNATIONAL SITUATION INCLUDING WEST ASIA, (C) KACHCHATIVU, AND (E) DELIMITATION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS. MDFA OFFICIAL IN CHARGE INDIAN MATTERS HAS CONFIRMED DETAILS OF NEWS ITEMS EXCEPT THAT DATES ARE STILL SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 COLOMBO 03177 281244Z

3. UNANNOUNCED VISIT BY INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL UN-

DOUBTEDLY SMOOTH WAY FOR PM BANDARANAIKE'S VISIT AND IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF GOI'S ATTEMPTS TO PROMOTE LESS THORNY RELATIONSHIP WITH HER SMALL NEIGHBOR. IN BACKGROUND IS WARMTH OF SINO-CEYLONSE RELATIONS, EXEMPLIFIED BY RECENT RENEWAL OF RICE/RUBBER BARTER AGREEMENT AND APPARENT GIFT BY PRC OF 40,000 TONS OF RICE. RECENT FLURRY OF HIGH-LEVEL VISIT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES (KEWAL SINGH IN MID-OCT AND DEC, GSL DEP MINISTER OF FIREIGN AFFAIRS TO DELHI IN NOV, AND UPCOMING VISIT BY JAYASINGHE IN JAN) MAY INDICATE SPECIAL EFFORT TO COME TO AGREEMENT ON ONE OR MORE MAJOR BILATERAL ISSUES IN ORDER PRO- DUCE TANGIBLE FAVORABLE RESULT DURING VISIT AND ENHANCE PRESTIGE OF TWO PRIME MINSTERS.

BYRNE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PFOR
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973COLOMB03177
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: COLOMBO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t1973121/aaaaaasg.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20-Dec-2001 by shawdg>; APPROVED <11-Jan-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISIT BY PM BANDDRANAIKE TO INDIA REF DELHI 15107
TAGS: IN, CE
To: SECSTATE WASHDC NEW DELHI
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005